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SUBJ: ANDEAN PACT: COLOMBIAN-VENEZUELAN DECLARATION

1. COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT LOPEZ AND VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT PEREZ ISSUED A JOINT DECLARATION ON THE ANDEAN PACT BASED ON DISCUSSIONS THEY AND THEIR ADVISERS HAD IN PANAMA DURING THE RECENT PRESIDENTIAL MEETING THERE. THE TEXT OF THE DECLARATION WAS NOT MADE PUBLIC UNTIL MARCH 31, WHEN IT SUPPOSEDLY WAS REVEALED SIMULTANEOUSLY IN BOGOTA AND CARACAS.

2. THE DECLARATION IS SHORT, POSITIVE, AND VERY GENERAL. IT CONSISTS OF FOUR POINTS AGREED UPON FOLLOWING AN EXAMINATION OF THE STATE OF NEGOTIATIONS THAT ARE TAKING PLACE IN LIMA. FIRST, THE TWO COUNTRIES REITERATE THEIR FAITH IN THE ANDEAN GROUP, INITIATES PROSPECTS AND IN THE ROLE THAT THE INTEGRATION PROCESS WILL HAVE FOR THE HARMONIOUS AND INTENSIVE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES, AND FOR ACCOMPLISHING THE IDEAL OF INTEGRATION FOR ALL OF LATIN AMERICA. SECONDLY, THEY CONFIRM THEIR CONVICTION THAT INDUSTRIAL PROGRAMMING

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ACCOMPLISHING THE TYPE OF INTEGRATION THAT REALIZES THE DEVELOPMENT ASPIRATIONS OF THE SIX COUNTRIES, PROPITIATES ADEQUATE UTILIZATION OF AVAILABLE RESOURCES, AND FOMENTS EFFICIENT AND PROSPEROUS INDUSTRIALIZATION. THIRDLY, THEY ALSO CONFIRM THEIR UNDERTAKING THAT THE PROGRAMMING AGREEMENTS WILL BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE DATES SET IN THE CARTAGENA AGREEMENT, AND EXPRESS THEIR CONFIDENCE THAT THIS WILL BE SO BECAUSE THE SPIRIT WITH WHICH THE SIX COUNTRIES ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE NEGOTIATIONS IN LIMA REVEALS A SINCERE INTEGRATIONIST VOCATION FOR ALL OF THEM. FINALLY, THE TWO PRESIDENTS REITERATE THEIR SUPPORT OF THE OFFICIAL ORGANS OF THE PACT, AND EXPRESS THEIR CONVICTION THAT THROUGH THE LABOR OF BOTH THE OBLIGATIONS THAT SHOULD BE COMPLIED WITH BY THE MEMBER COUNTRIES WILL BE FULFILLED.

3. A WELL-CONNECTED COLUMNIST FOR BOGOTA'S LEADING DALY SEES THIS JOINT DECALARATION AS ASSURING THAT ANY AND ALL DIFFICULTIES WILL BE SUPPASSED. HE MAKES THE POINT THAT COLOMBIA AND VENEZUELA TOGETHER FORM THE BIGGEST AND MOST DYNAMIC MARKET IN THE GROUP, AND HAVE A SOLID INDUSTRIAL BASE. HE SPECIFICALLY SUGGESTS THAT VENEZUELA SHOULD BE ALLOTTED MORE PRODUCTS AND LARGER PLANTS TO SERVE THE ANDEAN AND WORLD MARKET IN THE PETROCHEMICAL SECTOR, AND THAR IN THE AUTOMOTIVE SECTOR COLOMBIA SHOULD BE ALLOTTED CARS WITH GREATER COMMERCIAL DEMAND.
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